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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Current Intelligence

**SUBJECT : Preliminary Comments on GRC Mission 181,
Flown on 6 October 1963**

1. This mission covered North Korea and the adjacent Liaotung Peninsula area of Communist China. No new significant items of intelligence were disclosed although numerous airfields and military installations were covered.

Missiles

2. No new SAM sites were disclosed in this mission. The Pyongyang SAM site initially detected in GRC Mission 150 of 9 May 1963 was covered in this mission but the quality of photography permitted identification of the site only. No new details are apparent in the preliminary analysis.

Airfields

3. Four Chinese Communist airfields all located in the Antung area were covered. These fields were photographed in previous missions in December 1962 or May 1963. No significant changes were noted.

4. Fourteen North Korean Airfields were covered including the IL-28 base at Uiju. Sixty IL-28's were in evidence which is the number noted at this field in previous coverage. Pukchangni Airfield, the field were several MIG-21's were initially detected in coverage of December 1962 and again in May 1963, was covered again but the quality of photography permitted identification only with no new details available. Other major tactical airfields included in the mission are Saamcham, Hwangju, Namsi, Pyong'ni, and Onjong-ni. All of these fields were covered in May 1963 except Onjong-ni which was covered in December 1962. No significant air order-of-battle changes were noted.

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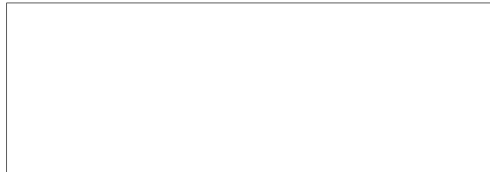
Military Installations

5. The Mayang-do Naval Base where two "W" class submarines were initially detected in Mission 128 of December 1962 was included in this mission. The two "W" class submarines are still there. Another area about one half nautical mile west of the naval base was also covered. It appears that a graving dock is under construction there.

6. The Hanpo-ri military area first detected in December 1962 was again covered. About 50 armored vehicles were detected. This could be the garrison area of the 101 tank regiment which is believed to be in the general area of Hanpo-ri.

Industrial Complexes

7. The most significant industrial area included in this mission was at Hungnam. Chemical plants, a copper smelter, an explosives plant, port facilities and rail yards are located at Hungnam. This mission may have provided more detailed coverage of this installation than the previous missions.



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